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Reference CC Docket No. 02-6

Re. Letter from SLD Administrator's Decision on Appeal-Funding
Year 2003-2004

Applicant Name Gasconade County School District R-I

Funding Year: 2003: July 1, 2003 – June 30, 2004

Form 471 Application Number 343258

Billed Entity Number: 137312

Applicant's Form Identifier: 471 Yr6

Funding Request Number: 924760

Service Provider Name: CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC

SPIN: 143025536

The Gasconade County School District R-I would like to appeal the "denied in full" decision from the SLD dated June 30, 2003. The SLD states that 30% or more of this FRN includes a request for unsubstantiated charges that are ineligible per program rules.

On February 28, 2003 Matthew Ryno from the SLD notified us in regards to verifying invoices from CenturyTel. On March 18, 2003 we were again notified to verify additional invoices. All invoices were faxed and everything appeared fine per Mr. Ryno.

On February 27, 2003 I talked with Mr. Ryno and explained I had realized the additional invoice was already a part of the individual invoices from CenturyTel. CenturyTel combines certain telephone numbers and combines them on one invoice. In error, we included both the combined invoice as well as the individual invoice to arrive at our requested amounts. Mr. Ryno suggested we write a letter (copy included) requesting a reduction on our Form 471. By requesting a reduction, the SLD now says we have more than 30% of unsubstantiated charges. I thought my letter would have explained the additional charges that were unsubstantiated were being corrected.

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We strongly feel the SLD has denied our request for funding unfairly. We are not requesting any unsubstantiated charges and therefore would like the FCC to overrule the decision of the SLD.

Thank you in advance for any assistance you can give us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark D. Leech". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and a stylized "L".

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